

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-13. (Cancelled)

1                    14. (Currently Amended) A device control device that has process-item data  
2 storing means which stores a plurality of process items for executing processes corresponding to  
3 recognized information obtained by recognizing input information, and  
4                    defines transition from one process item in the plurality of process items to  
5 another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
6 with a weighting factor, wherein  
7                    said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
8 between input information input by a speech and said discrimination condition included in said  
9 transition definition data, and  
10                   said device changes said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11 information and generates a flowchart of process items by adding or deleting said transition  
12 definition data based on thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and  
13 said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data  
14 indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process to another  
15 undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.

1                    15. (Previously presented) The device control device according to claim 14,  
2 wherein said process-item data storing means is constituted in such a manner that a process item  
3 can be added adequately.

16-17. (Cancelled)

1                   18. (Previously presented) The device control device according to claim 14 ,  
2 wherein said input information is a speech signal,  
3                   the condition of said transition definition data is a target word subject to speech  
4 recognition,  
5                   said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
6 between the speech signal and the target word of said transition definition data,  
7                   said likelihood corresponding to the target word of said transition definition data  
8 is set in said transition definition data, and  
9                   a piece of said transition definition data is selected in accordance with said  
10 likelihood, and a state is transitioned to a process item represented by said selected piece of  
11 transition definition data.

19. (Canceled)

1                   20. (Previously presented) The device control device according to claim 14,  
2 wherein a transition constant which is a calculation standard for said weighting factor is set as a  
3 constant corresponding to said transition definition data, and  
4                   a weighting factor of transition definition data relating to another process item  
5 linked to one process item whose status is transitioned is calculated by accumulating said  
6 constants from the constant for transition definition data relating to one process item to the  
7 constant for transition definition data relating to the another process item.

21-23. (Canceled)

1                   24. (Currently amended) A speech recognition device that has process-item  
2 data storing means which stores a plurality of process items for executing processes  
3 corresponding to recognized information obtained by recognizing input information,

4 defines transition from one process item in the plurality of process items to  
5 another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
6 with a weighting factor, wherein  
7 said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
8 between input information input by a speech and said discrimination condition included in said  
9 transition definition data, and  
10 said device changes said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11 information and generates a flowchart of process items by ~~adding or~~ deleting said transition  
12 definition data ~~based on~~ thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and  
13 said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data  
14 indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process item to  
15 another undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.

25-27. (Canceled)

1 28. (Currently amended) An agent device that has process-item data storing  
2 means which stores a plurality of process items for executing processes corresponding to  
3 recognized information obtained by recognizing input information,  
4 defines transition from one process item in the plurality of process items to  
5 another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition  
6 with a weighting factor, wherein  
7 said recognized information includes a likelihood indicating a status of matching  
8 between input information input by a speech and said discrimination condition included in said  
9 transition definition data, and  
10 said device changes said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input  
11 information and generates a flowchart of process items by ~~adding or~~ deleting said transition  
12 definition data ~~based on~~ thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and  
13 said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data  
14 indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process item to  
15 another undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.

29-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A device control method comprising:

a process-item data storing step of storing a plurality of process items for executing processes corresponding to recognized information obtained by recognizing input information input by a speech, said recognized information including a likelihood indicating a status of matching between said input information and a discrimination condition included in transition definition data;

a step of defining transition from one process item in a plurality of process items to another process item by transition definition data which associates a discrimination condition with a weighting factor; and

~~a step of changing said weighting factor in accordance with a link to said input information and generating a flowchart of process items by adding or deleting said transition definition data based on a product of said weighting factor thus changed and said likelihood.~~

a step of changing said weighting factor with a link to said input information and generating a flowchart of process items by deleting said transition definition data thus defined when a product of said weighting factor thus changed and said likelihood do not reach a predetermined value and adding new transition definition data indicating said transition when the number of transitions from one undefined process item to another undefined process item reaches a predetermined number.